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SUBJECT: INVITATION TO NATIONAL FEDERATION'S ANNUAL CONVENTION

1. I HAVE RECEIVED INVITATION DATED JUNE 23 FROM MRS. MARIE B. BOWDEN, PRESIDENT, NATIONAL FEDERATION OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS, TO BE PLATFORM GUEST FOR OPENING CEREMONIES OF NATIONAL FEDERATION'S ANNUAL CONVENTION FOR JULY 20 IN LAS VEGAS. MRS. BOWDEN WRITES THAT MAJOR EMPHASIS THIS CONVENTION WILL BE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR AND, IN PARTICULAR, WOMEN'S ROLE IN PROGRESS OF OUR NATION. REPLY DESIRED BY JULY 5.

2. YOUR HELP IN TELEGRAPHING FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS. BOWDEN, P.O. BOX 3, LEESBURG, FLA. 32748 WILL BE APPRECIATED:

QUOTE

YOUR KIND LETTER JUNE 23 JUST RECEIVED. I AM HONORED AND MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR INVITATION TO BE AMONG PLATFORM GUESTS AT ANNUAL CONVENTION OF NATIONAL FEDERATION BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN'S CLUBS ON JULY 20 IN LAS VEGAS. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ME TO LEAVE MY POST IN WEST AFRICA AT THIS TIME, AND I REGRETFULLY MUST DECLINE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS IMPORTANT EVENT. YOU AND YOUR ASSOCIATES HAVE MY BEST WISHES FOR A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION. SINCRELY, NANCY V. RAWLS.
END QUOTE.

3. FYI: WHILE I REALIZE MY PARTICIPATION IN CONVENTION MIGHT SERVE DEPARTMENT'S BEST INTEREST, I REGRET THAT POST BUDGET WOULD NOT COVER NECESSARY TRAVEL AND FEDERATION UNABLE PAY
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